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Professor Charles R. Erdman
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March 18, 1932

Dear Doctor Erdman

At length, in response to request for a copy of the paper which I told you I was preparing when we met at the Princeton Seminary Banquet in Los Angeles, I am now posting to you. I hope it may be delivered before your return home this afternoon. Then, if you can find the time to read it I hope you will. I had not supposedyou would be returning eastward so early as you told me you would when we were telephoning Tuesday.

Whether you find time to read it or not, I trust I may be able to see you at such time as you may appoint tomorrow (Friday) evening or Saturday morning. This I should wish in any event. I am especially desirous because I have for a few years increasingly felt the importance of a clearer understanding among evangelical Christians of other denominations of this subject of Inner or Inward Light. It would be important at any time from an evangelical point of view. It is important for the Society of Friends, since if evangelical Christians understand us better it will tend to prompt many Friends to define and defend important truths/which they could and should stress better than others, whose strong points may be stated somewhat differently. I am quite sure you can advise me as to a few points, and perhaps generally.

Perhaps it cannot be proven, but I have supposed that a few Presbyterians from about Aberdeen, who united with the Friends about 1665 to

1675, suggested the Inward Light as defining pretty well the primitive Christian doctrine of the True Light, of which John the Baptist and John the Apostle, and later George Fox, were all so fondly stressing. Of course I am not trying to treat the subject comprehensively.

Kindly permit me to see you, if only briefly, Friday or Saturday sometime. I shall be in Whittier on the Sabbath, and you will also be absent that day, and you will be leaving Monday.

Cordially yours

William L Pearson

August 2, 1932.

Rev. Frederick Perkins,
Marathon,
New York.

My dear Perkins:

Thank you so much for your letter. I was very glad to get it. I hope you are very happy in your pastorate and any word from you is always gratefully received. I am glad you got the matter off your chest.

Yours most cordially,

WCR*E

Marathon,N.Y. July 30 1932

Dear Friend Robinson

Your leading editorial in the current issue of the PRESBYTERIAN arouses me once more to literary activity. You present the Godward side of the cure for the sin-plague that is working devastation throughout the world. Many years ago I conceived of the manward side of that necessary cure and I formulated it in that MSS. of mine which you once read, and which you thought was orthodox.

I have been possessed for years with the idea that the world is going to destruction for the lack of a statement of the Calvinistic theology based where the Bible bases it, namely on God's Love. Our conception of the sovereignty of God is that its impulsive force manward is in justice; but I believe, and I make bold to say that I have shown it from the Bible, that the impulsive force manward of the sovereignty of God, is not merely based on love, but that it is love. The Calvinism that was taught, even as late as when we were in the Seminary declared that only soteriology could have love for its center: I believe that the entire plan of salvation, which means theology in its entirety, has for its center the love of God for man. Dr. Warfield once told me that such a thought would run off into Rationalism: You read my MSS. without finding it to be rationalistic.

Now as the years have flown by, I have become more and more firmly convinced that "the way of cure" as you express it, is to seek the blessing of the Holy Ghost upon a new theology which shall exalt the sovereignty of God which springs from the passionate love in the heart of The Almighty. Hate and greed are the twin causes of the world's universal woe. The spiritual plague has become a pestilence, engulfing all creation. Divine love is recognised as the only cure; but the proclamation of Divine love divorced from Divine justice is just what we have been having of late years, and it is that which is responsible for our present awful condition. But proclaim Divine love that is essentially justice, call it "justice-love" if you will, and the world will learn to respect God, them love Him, and then, far more than at present, it will learn to behave itself.

This week, the Stratford Company, who had my MSS. about three years ago and wanted to publish it for a large consideration, wrote again offering to accept it at a reduced sum. But I have declined, for the present, taking the matter up with them. But this whole matter has been "a fire shut up in my bones" for years, only it breaks through, like this, once in a while.

I don't blame you if you do not answer this letter. But I have at least indulged in some "self-expression", and perhaps now I can get down to my Sunday preparation.

Always thanking you for the great privilege of being in Delhi those never-to-be-forgotten days, I am, with regards to Mrs. Robinson

Yours truly

Frederick Perkins

Reed City Mich. June 14/32.

Dear Presbyterian,
my old friend.
I have been reading your
timely Editorials in your recent
issues, with great pleasure,
And I am highly pleased with
the success of the program
of our general assembly.
Dr. Kerr has especially well
fitted himself for the eminent
position as moderator of our
great assembly.
I am ever a fundamentalist,
and are of the great and
much needed principles at the present
time is Christs sermon on
the mount.
And Dr. Kerr as pastor of his
Church for so many years has
had a rich experience in the
great things of the power of
the redemption of the cross.
Once Congregations were
led to weep at the presentation
of our dear Saviour who
was layed upon the bloody
altar for a sinful world.

And I feel assured that the words of Jesus are being verified even in these days, what he said, when he promised "If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me." The churches where the cross is lifted up are spiritual and men and women, and children, are brought near to God. Many things have been tried to save congregations in our churches but nothing has the saving power like the tragedies of Calvary and the new tomb.

It seems to me, that Christ has promised the saving power of the Holy Ghost to witness our sermons when like the Apostles, we preach Christ and the resurrection of the new tomb. Real conversion comes through the spirit of a living and abiding Christ.

We may sing and may preach to please and Edify, but the power to convict is the same at the present time as on the occasion of Pentecost. Many who live to day in business and crime, which seem to have a great need of Conscience, and the Conviction. It was the same in Jerusalem when the disciples preached Christ and his resurrection. R. L. D. Preston

CR 250

Nelson, Nebraska,
May, 17th, 1932.

Editor The Presbyteria:

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Editor: I should responded to your urging long ago, relative to my subscription, but I spent the winter out on the coast, with my son who lives in Los Angeles, and have recently returned.

I did not go out there because I could really afford the trip, but I could live there with him, who has been there since he returned from the World=war, spendinding more than thirty months in the service, six= teen of them in Siberia, so as I had not seen him for years, and as he married there and had a little son I had never seen until last fall, and finding that the cost of going out would be less, than fuel and other expenses staying home, I did have a very delightful winter there.

however, I found the people there were just as bad off financially, if not worse than we here in Nebraska. It was said, there were 200 thous= and men without means of support during the winter. I, myself saw hundreds of men lined up for a hand=out at a soup house. 'Aimee McPherson' and her organization fed 2000 men all winter, and besides, sent out 1200 baskets of food and clothing, each week to destitute families; there from 30 to 50 working in her supply department waiting on the people. One may think as they please, about her brand of christianity, but one thing is sure, there is no question about the practical relief given. And what is true of her organization, was true of all the other church and fraternal organizations, but pshaps on a lessor scale. I visited Dr. Walker's church while here and heard him. It seemed to me, that the Doctor had aged rapidly since I met him at Tulsa where he was elected moderator. I saw while there hundreds of stout capable young men working for the city and county for their board and they found their own sleeping quarters, as every man in the west who is without homes, carries his own bedding, and goes under bridges, or where= ever he may get out of the wind and weather.

I really believe they aer worse condition there than here, for as long as the farmers here are not actually driven of there foreclosed farms they have a cover over their heads and their living, scanty as it is, may be gotten from heir chickens and cows.

Mr. Editor: down on the Republican river valley that runs thru this county, there is a ten mile strip of as fine farms as one can find anywhere and on either side of a highway that runs down the valley, I am reliably informed, but two farms will scape foreclosure. Can you tell me where the end will be? Going and coming, out there, and here at home, among railroad men, among farmers, among men subsisting on charity, I heard much talk and even threats of taken matters in their own hands, if relief is not soon given. Men who a few years ago, who a few years would hotly resented any one using such language as they are using today, against the powers that be

It seems to me in the mad scramble for wealth a few ago, and the cor= ruption in public places, touching high office and the ermine of the bench, the morale of the public has been destroyed. Just think, of twenty Superior judges of the courts of Los Angeles, five have been discovered who have been recieving bribs from recievers of broken banks and corporations.

And the further it is delved into that Lindburg affair, it appears worse and worse. The National administration and the congress seem so confused by conditions, that so far after months they have accomplished a a thing that is helpful to common run of citizenry. Will you tellme what end will be. I am too hard up to send you more than the inclosed check but I like and must have the Presbyterian Sincerely.

Wm. Beebe

181 Main St Nutley N. J
Oct 10 - 1982

Rev. N. Cortland Robinson D.D.

Dear Sir:

I am writing again to ask - What is your sincere thought as to the Answer to the question "Are Sunday School Picnics" - in keeping with the The Divine Purpose of Worship on our Lords Day? -

I am teaching a class of fifteen boys - ranging from ten to twelve years of age - real boys, but I love everyone and my only wish is to do them good, - in teaching of God's love manifested through the death - of His Son.

Being Fifty Seven years of age - of course am not one bit Modern. How can I say to those

boys who read the "Forrance".
That Clam bakes DC on Sunday are not pleasing to God - when such an "Article" appears - even though well seasoned with good salt. Clam bakes are some one's ideas of eating -, and to enjoying outdoors in God's Sanctuary. This gentleman by the name of Stere is taking upon himself a great responsibility in answering the various queries coming to him ~~from~~ to #20 Witherspoon Building Phila Pa.

I do wish to show these boys God's mind on the keeping of "The Lord's Day" in a true worshipful way - I do not talk these matters to others because few understand.

Another thing - The men in Presbyterian Church on Oct 6th ~~last~~ had a Bazaar and a Cafeteria Supper, The "Great Bag" was the drawing card for the Children - And on Friday evening the Pastor paid - The supper DC was God's Work. An queer - for I think it is all of the devil - And the boys showed in the class the result of such entertainment.

I hope you understand- What I have written is just with you As "The Presbyterian" stands for Truth I think it will not stand for such innovations in the Church life

Has The Church is grieving The Holy Spirit, and sincere Christian feel the lack of Power in all The Services,

Thanking you sincerely

I am very truly

Mrs. W. T. Pannell

Mont Alto, Pa.

Dr. W. Courtland Robinson, Editor, 11/1/32.

Presbyterian, Phila., Pa.

Dear Sir:-

As suggested in recent issues of the Presbyterian, I had hoped to pledge myself to pay for two more new subscriptions for 1933, but the policy of the paper in dealing with Dr. Prugh, as well as the stand taken in the present political situation has frankly disgusted me. I am more than persuaded to discontinue the two subscriptions for which I now pay.

I voted and worked earnestly to elect Herbert Hoover president in 1928. In summarizing his acts and policies since election, after careful study and analysis, I find nothing but indecision, conceit, and deceit. Why a church paper and Christian people are so foolishly partisan and unprincipled as to support such a traitor to his oath, is beyond me ! Especially when Upshaw and Regan on the Prohibition platform stand for exactly what we want, and offer an honest opportunity for a forceful and dignified vote of protest against the "double-dealing" of the two old parties. If Prohibition is lost in course of the next few years, it will be primarily because of "pussyfooting", partisan, and dishonorable leadership on the part of men and women high in the councils of the Christian church.

To illustrate,- in at least twelve states of the southeastern U.S., Mr. Hoover received more votes in 1928 from the hands of conscientious "dry" Democrats than he did from Republicans, and he was chosen by a great uprising of the forces of righteousness. But apparently he went "wet" the day after election, for out of eleven cabinet members appointed, only one was "dry", two were "moist", and eight "dripping wet". On the Wickersham Commission to investigate this and other social problems, he appointed only two "drys" as against ten "wets". He put but a single woman on this commission, and she the "modernist" president of the "smokiest women's college" in the U.S. Both of the judges appointed by Mr. Hoover to the bench of the U.S. Supreme Court recently have been "wets". Cardoso, the New York Jew, member of Tammany Hall, and an "Al Smith Democrat", is a miserable contrast to Justice Brandeis, the truly great Jewish jurist appointed by President Wilson.

Does the Editor of the Presbyterian ask us to vote for one who has made such a record as the above ? Sad to say, it looks that way; altho naturally in a shame-faced way, or by indirection; as seen in the current issue of the Christian Herald, or by Rev. Dr. Whallon on page 11, of your October 13th issue, where he says "We must re-elect -- our present vice-president". Why do you not come out honestly and in a straight-forward manner ? It is better to lose a battle now and then and retain the respect of the world, than to make yourself a tail to the kite of a political party whose leaders attempt to remain in power by contemptible and dishonest trickery.

Faithfully yours,

Geo. S. Perry.

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November 3, 1932.

Mr. George S. Perry,
Mont Alto, Pa.

My dear Mr. Perry:

I find your letter of November 1st on my desk this morning. Of course, I am seriously grieved that I should have disgusted you and I am not sure that I have been wise in all my utterances in the present political campaign. If Mr. Upshaw had the faintest ghost of a chance of election I would be strongly in favor of him but you know and I know that he will not have even one electoral vote and nine out of ten votes taken for him will be from Mr. Hoover.

Now, I was not at all satisfied and have so stated, with the position of the Republican party or Mr. Hoover but knowing as I do Mr. Roosevelt's joining in with the extreme "wets" and shouting for beer and placing Al Smith's friends around him, I felt that his election would be a calamity and I am frank to say I still think so, not because he is a Democrat for I voted for Woodrow Wilson and I have known of many Democrats whom I honor greatly. I have never voted a straight ticket but in every case have voted according to my wisdom and conscience. We of New York State (and there is my home) know how incompetent Franklin Roosevelt is and he has, in spite of excellent inheritance and training, aligned himself with the men of baser sort in his great ambition to be President. I have met Mr. Roosevelt and personally he is charming and his personal life is, I am sure, above all criticism or reproach but he is going in, as he says himself and as Mr. Garner said, to open the way to legal sale of liquor just as greatly as possible. Mr. Hoover has done no such thing and as has been said again and again he is at heart "dry."

Doubtless, I made a mistake. I have had many criticisms by good men like yourself and I regret it because I am deeply interested in maintaining THE PRESBYTERIAN. I hope you can forgive me and retain your inter-

est in our old paper which is having such a struggle just now to get along. Mr. Hoover has not been everything one would wish but I think in his heart he is an honest man who wants to serve his country and I know that his election will be far better for us than that of Mr. Roosevelt. I hope I have modified your view toward me and I assure you that I have learned a lesson.

Most sincerely yours,

WCR*E

December 19, 1932.

Rev. William C. Paden,
905 Dexter Street,
Clay Center, Kans.

Dear Dr. Paden:

Please excuse me for returning your letter. It is excellent, but too long for our space and we have two or three answers to "W.B."

Most sincerely yours,

W. Courtland Robinson.

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Mar. 31, 1933

The Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Delhi, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I received a copy of THE PRESBYTERIAN containing my short article on "Christ's Cure for Care". Thank you for your courtesy and for the undeserved titles you have given me. I did not know that THE PRESBYTERIAN was confering degrees. While I am a Princeton Seminary graduate, I am not a reverend or a D.D. but a plain ordinary layman.

Very cordially yours,

Delavan L. Pierson

DLP:MB

I did not put the Rev. and D D
on Mr Pierson's name
W C R

April 8, 1933.

Mr. Delavan L. Pierson,
Missionary Review of the World,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Pierson:

When THE PRESBYTERIAN came I noted at once that "Rev." and "D.D." had been tacked on to your name. It came to pass somewhere between my hand and the printing press. You are worthy of both and are worthy without either. I regret the blunder, but it is one of the things that do happen, especially as I am not in the office to read proof.

I am always so happy to read something from you. I appreciate your favoring THE PRESBYTERIAN.

Cordially yours,

W. COURTLAND ROBINSON.

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